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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Since I keep this service for emergency purposes mostly, there are sometimes weeks that go by that I do not use the service. Now you want to charge me for something even when I do not use it. I would really like to know what this fee is now used for and if you aren't gouging customers enough already, why don't you just cut out a few of your needless high paying positions. I am retired and living on a very fixed income. Eventually myself, and others in my position financially will be unable to afford this service that provides help in emergency situation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members